1845. *[Transferred to the 30th May,* 1990]

**Shortfall in freight earnings**

1846. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in- the freight earnings during the last year of the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

. (c) the target of freight, and passenger earnings fixed during the Seventh Five Year Plan and with actual earnings; and

(d) the target fixed during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the innovations if any, to achieve the targets ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNA-NDES) : (a) and (b) The accounts for the year 1989-90 have not yet been closed- However, approximate freight earnings for the financial year 1989-90 i.e. the last year of the Seventh Five Year Plan are estimated to be around Rs 7595-85 crores against the Revised Budget Estimate of Rs 7611-00 crores.

There has been a shortfall in loading of revenue earning freight traffic as compared to target. This is due to less traffic offering in coal, steel plants' traffic, foodgrains, etc and also partly on account of factors like port strike and agitations against reservation policy and bandhs leading to disruption of traffic on some trunk routes. This is likely to result in a marginal reduction in freight earnings for 1989-90.

(c) Only physical targets were fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan for freight and passenger traffic. However, figures of actual earnings and Revised Estimates for the five years of Seventh Plan are shown below :

*(In crores of Rs.)*

| Year | Freight | | Passenger | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Revised Estimate | Actual | Revised Estimate | Actual |
| 1985-86 | 4323.00 | 4376.38 | 1715.00 | 1719.67 |
| 1986-87 | 5102.00 | 5133.24 | 1945.00 | 1940.96 |
| 1987-88 | 6060.00 | 5981.95 | 2027.00 | 2060.06 |
| 1988-89 | 6461.00 | 6343.11 | 2470.00 | 2455.50 |
| 1989-90 | 7611.00 | 7595.85 (Approximate) | 2631.00 | 2647.23 (Approximate) |

(d) Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

**Bipartite Committee on Industrial Relations Act**

1847. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a Bipartite Committee to go in to the changes required in the Industrial Relations Act;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the Committee and the terms of reference of the Committee

(c) whether there has been a request from the Labour Progres sive Federation of Madras to in clude their representative in the Committee; and

(d) if so, what is * Government's •response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PAS WAN): (a) and (b) A bipartite committee has, been constituted on 8 May, 1990 to for mulate specific proposals for a new Industrial Relations Bill. The